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Search Report**A. Classification of subject matter of application under International Patent Classification (IPC)**

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B. Searched Fields:

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C. Result of search:

Cat.	Publications found	Explanations	relates to claim	ICP / sources
A	DE 36 24 090 C1		1 to 11	A 47 B 33/00
A	DE 101 41 993 A1		1 to 11	A 47 L 17/02
A	DE 44 44 657 A2		1 to 11	A 47 L 17/02
A	DE 36 35 989 A1		1 to 11	A 47 B 77/08
A	EP 689 14 839 T2		1 to 11	E 03 C 1/33

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E. Date of completion of search: May 07, 2003

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Column: Claim(s) concerned

Here the claims are cited with correlation to the points cited as being relevant in column „explanations“.

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